

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.(Currently Amended) A playback device for retrieving a data stream comprising video data, the playback device comprising:
a processor configured to receive event information from a playlist of the data stream; and
an application for providing functionality associated with the event information;
wherein the playlist is not included in the data stream, and the event information is changeable without changing the data stream, wherein the processor of the playback device retrieves the event information from the playlist and only provides the event information to the application when the processor determines that playback of the data stream reached a point in the data stream corresponding to the event information in the playlist.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

3.(Previously Presented) The playback device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the playlist comprises a mark with a presentation time and wherein the event information is information that the playback device reached the mark presentation time during playback.

4.(Previously Presented) The playback device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the mark is a chapter mark or a skip mark or a link mark.

5.(Previously Presented) The playback device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the mark comprises a chapter mark or a skip mark or a link mark.

6.(Previously Presented) The playback device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the mark is reserved for use by the application

7.(Previously Presented) The playback device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the mark comprises further information for the application.

Claim 8 (Canceled)

9.(Currently Amended) A method for processing a data stream and event

information associated with the data stream, the method comprising the acts of:

starting playback of the data stream comprising video information or audio

information by a playback device;

retrieving by a processor of the playback device the event information from a playlist of the data stream; and

providing the event information to an application for providing functionality associated with the event information;

wherein the playlist is not included in the data stream, and the event information is changeable without changing the data stream, wherein the processor of the playback device retrieves the event information from the playlist and only provides the event information to the application when the processor determines that playback of the data stream reached a point in the data stream corresponding to the event information in the playlist.

10.(Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the playlist comprises a mark with a presentation time and that the event information is information that the playback device reached the mark presentation time during playback.

Claims 11-12 (Canceled)

13.(Previously Presented) The playback device of claim 1, wherein the processor is further configured to establish timing correlation between playback of the data stream and the event information retrieved from the playlist.

14.(Previously Presented) The playback device of claim 1, wherein the event information provides the playback device with timing information about when a section of the data stream is to be played back and the processor is further configured to provide the event information to the application in accordance with the timing information for providing the functionality associated with the section in accordance with the timing information.

15.(Previously Presented) The playback device of claim 14, wherein the timing information includes a start of playback of the section, and the processor is configured to provide the event information to the application at the start of the playback of the section so that the application provides the functionality at the start of the playback of the section.

16.(Previously Presented) The playback device of claim 1, wherein the event information provides the processor with a start time of a section of the data stream to be played back and the processor is further configured to provide the event information to the application at the start time for providing a functionality associated with the section at the start time.

17.(Currently Amended) The playback device of claim 1, wherein the processor is configured to retrieve the event information from the playlist before an event associated with the event information is reached during playback of the data stream by the playback device.

18.(Previously Presented) The playback device of claim 17, wherein the processor is configured to monitor a playback of the data stream and provide the event information to the application when the event is reached during the playback for providing the functionality associated with the event when the event is reached during the playback.

Claim 19 (Canceled)

20.(Currently Amended) The playback device of claim 1, wherein the application is configured to provide the functionality only when a playback of the data stream reached a the point in the data stream corresponding to the event information.

21.(Currently Amended) The playback device of claim 1, wherein the processor is configured to monitor playback of the data stream for providing the application with the event information only when the playback reached a the point in the data stream

corresponding to the event information so that the functionality is provided by the application at the point without monitoring the playback by the application.

22.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the processor retrieves the event information from the playlist before an event associated with the event information is reached during the playback of the data stream by the playback device.

Claim 23 (Canceled)

24.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the processor monitors the playback of the data stream for providing the application with the event information only when the playback reached athe point in the data stream corresponding to the event information so that the functionality is provided by the application at the point without monitoring the playback by the application.

25.(New) The playback device of claim 1, wherein the event information from the playlist provides the playback device with timing information about when sections of the data stream are to be played back, and wherein functionality provided by the application and related to the event information is activated at a start of playback of the sections by the playback device.

26.(New) The method of claim 9, wherein the event information from the playlist provides the playback device with timing information about when sections of the data stream are to be played back, and wherein functionality provided by the application and related to the event information is activated at a start of playback of the sections by the playback device.